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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 1513

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: STATE 68716

1. ASSAD HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE ALL DAY (THERE IS SOME INDICATION HE IS OUTSIDE DAMASCUS VISITING NEARBY VILLAGE). MY REQUEST TO MEET WITH HIM URGENTLY WAS, HOWEVER, RELAYED TO THE PRESIDENT AND MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN PASSED BACK AT 1700L SYING THAT HE HAD ASKED FONMIN KHADDAM TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE ON HIS BEHALF.

2. KHADDAM HAS SPENT MOST OF TODAY IN BEIRUT TOGETHER WITH AIR FORCE COMMANDER NAJI JAMIL IN MEETINGS WITH SARKIS AND BUTROS. PRESIDENCY ADVISES KHADDAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN THIS EVENING AND I WILL PRESUMABLY SEE HIM LATE TONIGHT OR EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.

3. I HAVE PREPARED TALKING POINTS IN SUCH FORM THAT I WILL
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BE ABLE TO LEAVE TEXT WITH KHADDAM. WILL REVIEW TRANSLATION WITH KHADDAM'S INTERPRETER WHO IN ACCORDANCE STANDING ARRANGEMENTS WILL DELIVER ASAP TO PRESIDENT. ASSAD IS HIMSELF PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED SPEND MOST OF SATURDAY AT INAUGURATION OF EUPHRATES DAM IN NORTH OF COUNTRY. AS FAR AS USING PARALLEL CHANNEL IS CONCERNED (REFTEL PARA 1), WOULD NOTE THAT DAOUDY, WHO WOULD BE ONLY LOGICAL RECIPIENT IN THE PRESIDENCY,

LEFT YESTERDAY FOR NEW DELHI IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR
ASSAD'S VISIT THERE NEXT WEEK.

4. WILL IMPRESS ON KHADDAM OUR DESIRE FOR PRESIDENT'S
EARLY COMMENTS ON SITUATION AND WHAT HE THINKS CAN BE DONE
TO RESOLVE IT.

5. RECOMMEND THAT REPORT ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSED
REFTEL PARA 7 BE FORWARDED TO ME IN FORM OF MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER AS RECOMMENDED DAMASCUS 1452. THIS WILL
MAXIMIZE CHANCES FOR PERSONAL MEETING WITH ASSAD ON HIS RETURN
FROM INDIA.

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